

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
DALLAS DIVISION

SHAWNA STOOPS  
Plaintiff

v.

UNITED PARCEL SERVICE, INC.  
Defendant

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CIVIL ACTION NO. 3:17-cv-1674

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CC-17-02764-C | SHAWNA STOOPS vs. UNITED PARCEL SERVICE, INC.

Case Number	Court	File Date
CC-17-02764-C	County Court at Law No. 3	05/25/2017
Case Type	Case Status	
DAMAGES (COLLISION)	OPEN	

**Party**

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AUSTIN TX 78701

**Events and Hearings**

05/25/2017 NEW CASE FILED (OCA)

05/25/2017 ORIGINAL PETITION ▼

PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION AND WRITTEN DISCOVERY

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PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION AND WRITTEN DISCOVERY

05/25/2017 ISSUE CITATION ▼

ISSUE CITATION

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ATTORNEY TO FILE STAMP COPY OF PETITION AND WRITTEN DISCOVERY  
PICKUP DATE

05/30/2017 CITATION (SERVICE) ▾

Anticipated Server

ATTORNEY

Anticipated Method

Actual Server

CERTIFIED MAIL

Returned

06/23/2017

06/23/2017 RETURN OF SERVICE ▾

RETURN OF SERVICE

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CITATION SERVED ON 06/05/2017 AT 6:52 AM

## Financial

STOOPS, SHAWNA

Total Financial Assessment	\$276.00
Total Payments and Credits	\$276.00

5/25/2017 Transaction Assessment \$276.00

5/25/2017 CREDIT CARD - TEXFILE (CC) Receipt # CV-2017-06801 STOOPS, SHAWNA (\$276.00)

## Documents

PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION AND WRITTEN DISCOVERY

ISSUE CITATION

RETURN OF SERVICE

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**DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS**

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**PLAINTIFF' ORIGINAL PETITION  
AND WRITTEN DISCOVERY**

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TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

SHAWNA STOOPS (hereinafter "Plaintiff") brings this suit for relief against show UNITED PARCEL SERVICE, INC. (hereinafter "Defendant") and would show the Court the following:

**DISCOVERY CONTROL PLAN LEVEL**

1. Plaintiff intends to conduct discovery according to Discovery Level 2 because the aggregate amount of damages sought exceeds \$50,000. However, Plaintiff seeks only monetary relief of \$100,000 or less, including damages of any kind, penalties, costs, expenses, pre-judgment interest, and attorney's fees. Written discovery requests to Defendant are set forth below. Responses to discovery requests are due **fifty (50) days** from the date Defendant is served with this petition.

**PARTIES AND SERVICE**

2. Plaintiff SHAWNA STOOPS is an individual residing at 3204 Sage Stone #5312, Fort Worth, Texas 76116.

3. Defendant is a corporation authorized to do business in Texas and may be served with process on its registered agent: Corporation Service Company d/b/a CSC – Lawyers, INCO, 211 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Austin, Texas 78701.

**JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

4. The subject matter in controversy is within the jurisdictional limits of this court.

5. This court has personal jurisdiction over the Defendant because Defendant is a resident of and/or regularly conducts business in the State of Texas. Additionally, the court has personal jurisdiction over the Defendant pursuant to Section 17.042(2) of the Texas Civil Practices and Remedies Code because Defendant committed a tort in the State of the Texas.

6. Venue is proper under Section 15.002(a)(1) of the Texas Civil Practices and Remedies Code because all or a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to this lawsuit occurred in Tarrant County, Texas.

**FACTS**

7. On or about August 17, 2016, Plaintiff was injured in a car accident that occurred in Tarrant County, Texas.

8. Plaintiff was operating a vehicle in the far left northbound lane of IH-35 when the vehicle being operated by Defendant's employee, which was also traveling northbound but in the middle lane slightly ahead of Plaintiff, attempted to merge by entering into Plaintiff's lane and collided with Plaintiff's vehicle then continued without stopping.

9. As a result of the accident, Plaintiff suffered injury, which prompted the institution of this lawsuit.

**NEGLIGENCE, NEGLIGENCE PER SE AND  
RESPONDEAT SUPERIOR**

10. At all time relevant, the driver of the vehicle, a clearly marked UPS delivery truck, that struck Plaintiff was acting in the course and scope of his employment with Defendant. Therefore, Defendant is liable to Plaintiff under the doctrine of *Respondeat Superior*.

11. Defendant's employee had a duty to exercise the degree of care that a reasonably prudent person would use to avoid harm to others under similar circumstances.

12. Defendant's employee negligently, carelessly or recklessly disregarded said duty, which proximately caused each Plaintiff's injuries.

13. Defendant's employee's negligent, careless or reckless disregard of duty includes, but is not limited to, the following acts or omissions:

- a. Failure to keep a proper lookout and speed as an ordinary prudent person under similar circumstances;
- b. Failure to adequately pay attention to surrounding circumstances;
- c. Failure to obey traffic signals;
- d. Failure to timely apply brakes;
- e. Failure to maintain a safe and adequate distance;
- f. Failure to take adequate evasive action;

14. Defendant's employee violated Section 545.060 of the Texas Transportation Code, which criminally penalizes the type of activity in which Defendant's employee engaged and is designed to protect against the type of injury Plaintiff sustained.

**DAMAGES**

22. As a direct and proximate result of the occurrence made the basis of this lawsuit, Plaintiff suffered injuries and incurred the following damages:

- a. Reasonable, usual and customary medical expenses in the past incurred by each Plaintiff for the necessary care and treatment of injuries resulting from the accident made the basis of this lawsuit;
- b. Reasonable, usual and customary medical expenses in the future incurred by each Plaintiff for the necessary care and treatment of injuries resulting from the accident made the basis of this lawsuit;
- c. Physical pain and suffering in the past;
- d. Physical pain and suffering that in reasonable probability will be sustained in the future;
- e. Physical impairment in the past;
- f. Physical impairment that in reasonable probability will be sustained in the future;
- g. Mental anguish that in reasonable probability will be sustained in the future;
- h. Loss of wages in the past;
- i. Loss of wages that in reasonable probability will be sustained in the future.

**REQUEST FOR DISCLOSURE**

23. Plaintiff requests Defendant disclose within 50 days of service of process the information or material described in Rule 194.2 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure.

**REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION**

24. Plaintiff requests that Defendant, Defendant's attorneys, and Defendant's insurance carriers, preserve all documents and evidence related to this car wreck, including all photographs, estimates and statements taken in connection with Defendant and Defendant's insurance carrier's investigation of this wreck.

25. Pursuant to Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 196, Plaintiff demands that Defendant respond and produce within fifty (50) days of service of this petition all documents related to the wreck that are in the care, control or possession of Defendant, Defendant's attorneys, and Defendant's insurance carrier including, but not limited to the following documents:

- a. All photographs (produce color photos) of the vehicles involved in this wreck;
- b. All property damage and/or repair estimates of the vehicles involved in this wreck;
- c. If the vehicles were totaled, all documents used or relied upon in making or assessing the value of the vehicle(s) that were declared total losses;
- d. All recorded statements taken in connection with the investigation of this wreck (Plaintiff requests an actual audio or video copy of the statement);
- e. A copy of the title to Defendant's vehicle that was involved in the motor vehicle wreck made the basis of this suit;
- f. A copy of the title to Defendant's vehicle;
- g. A copy of Defendant's driver's license;
- h. All documents related to any investigation generated by a police, sheriff, highway patrol or any other governmental body that is in the care, custody or control of Defendant, Defendant' attorney or Defendant' insurance carrier. This is a simple request for a copy of the police report or police incident report that is in Defendant' possession or control;
- i. All documents that Defendant intends to offer at trial in support of any claim or contention in this matter;

- j. All receipts/invoices are documents illustrating what Defendant had to eat or drink (including alcoholic beverages) on the date of the incident made the basis of this lawsuit;
- k. All documents illustrating where Defendant had been on the date of the collision;
- l. All documents that the Defendant have regarding the motor vehicle wreck that forms the basis of this suit;
- m. Any documents or evidence of conviction of any party to this lawsuit pursuant to Texas Rule of Evidence 609(f);
- n. All phone, text, and data usage records from Defendant's cell phone, or any other cell phone in Defendant's possession, even if provided to Defendant by an employer, friend or family member, for the entirety of the date of the accident made the basis of this lawsuit.

### **INTERROGATORIES**

26. Pursuant to Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 197, demand is now made for Defendant to respond to the undersigned counsel within fifty (50) days of service of this petition with written answers to the following interrogatories:

- a. Please state the full name, address, telephone number, date of birth, driver's license number, social security number, and occupation of the person answering these interrogatories.
- b. State whether you were acting within the course and scope of any employment, service or agency at the time of the collision, and describe the relationship of the persons involved.

c. State the Style, Court and Cause number of any lawsuit to which you have been a party and the state final disposition of said suit.

d. Do you, your attorneys or investigators or anyone acting on your behalf, have any maps, charts, diagrams, photographs, videos, motion pictures, and/or recordings taken of the scene of this incident, or of any of the physical or mechanical objects, or of the person involved in this incident? If yes, then please indicate your willingness to allow the Plaintiff' counsel in this lawsuit to inspect and copy or photograph the same.

e. Do you contend that any personal injuries or damages sustained by any Plaintiff in this suit were caused by an occurrence other than this accident, such as a disease or physical condition, either before or after the incidents made the basis of this case? If so, describe in detail such other occurrence, disease, injury or condition.

f. If you obtained any medical attention as a result of any injuries you sustained in this wreck, please state the name of the medical provider(s) who treated you, the type of medical treatment you received (i.e., physical therapy, MRIs, etc.), the timeframe for which you obtained medical treatment and list the body parts that you injured as a result of this motor vehicle wreck.

g. Do you contend that any Plaintiff in this suit violated any traffic laws at the time or immediately prior to the collision? If so, describe what you contend to be the violation or give the statute number of the violation.

h. If you contend that the collision in question was an "unavoidable accident," describe in detail what you believe to be the cause of the accident, to the exclusion of the conduct of the Plaintiff or you.

- i. If you contend that someone else's conduct or something else is the "sole proximate cause" of the accident in question, describe in detail the identity of that person, or what exactly caused the collision.
- j. Please describe how the accident occurred, including the directions of travel, the speed of the respective vehicles.
- k. Who gave you permission to operate the vehicle that you were traveling in when this wreck occurred?
- l. When did you first receive permission to operate the vehicle that you drove when this accident occurred?
- m. How often did you operate the vehicle you drove when this accident occurred?

**REQUEST FOR ADMISSIONS**

27. Pursuant to Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 198, demand is now made upon Defendant to respond to the undersigned counsel within fifty (50) days of service of this petition with written responses to the following Request for Admissions:

- a. Admit that you have been properly named in the above entitled and numbered cause.
- b. Admit that you have been properly served with citation in the above entitled and numbered cause.
- c. Admit that the collision made the basis of this suit was not the result of a sudden emergency.
- d. Admit that the collision made the basis of this suit did not result from an unavoidable accident.

- e. Admit that there was no non-human event or condition that contributed to the collision made the basis of this suit.
- f. Admit that there was no non-human event or condition that was the sole cause of the collision made the basis of this suit.
- g. Admit that the collision made the basis of this suit was proximately caused, at least in part, by your negligence.
- h. Admit that your negligence was the sole cause of the collision made the basis of this lawsuit.
- i. Admit that you failed to exercise ordinary care in the operation of your motor vehicle in the collision made the basis of this lawsuit.
- j. Admit that collision made the basis of this suit did not occur because of the negligence of the Plaintiff.
- k. Admit that that Plaintiff did not fail to act as persons of ordinary prudence would have done under the same or similar circumstances in the collision made the basis of this suit.
- l. Admit that you owned the vehicle that struck Plaintiff.
- m. Admit that the driver of the vehicle that struck Plaintiff was acting in the course and scope of his or her employment with you.
- n. Admit that you accept full responsibility for the collision made the basis of this suit.

**NOTICE PURSUANT TO TRCP 193.7**

28. Pursuant to Rule 193.7 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, Counsel for Plaintiff intends to use Defendant's discovery responses and any documents produced in discovery in the trial of this cause of action and/or any hearings before the Court herein.

**PRAYER**

**WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED**, Plaintiff respectfully prays that the Defendant be cited to appear and answer herein, and that upon a final hearing of the cause, judgment be entered for the Plaintiff against Defendant for damages in an amount within the jurisdictional limits of the Court; together with pre-judgment interest (from the date of injury through the date of judgment) at the maximum rate allowed by law; post-judgment interest at the legal rate, costs of court; and such other and further relief to which Plaintiff may be entitled at law or in equity.

Respectfully submitted,

THE LAW OFFICES OF JEREMY W. McKEY, PLLC



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**ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF**

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JOHN F. WARREN  
COUNTY CLERK  
DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS  
  
CITATION  
CAUSE NO. CC-17-02764-C  
COUNTY COURT AT LAW NO. 3  
Dallas County, Texas  
  
TO: UNITED PARCEL SERVICE, INC.  
SERVE REGISTERED AGENT CORPORATION SERVICE COMPANY DB/A  
CSC-LAWYERS, INC  
211 EAST 7TH STREET  
AUSTIN, TX 78701

You may employ an attorney. If you or your Attorney do not file a WRITTEN ANSWER with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 A.M. on the Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after you were served this citation and PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION AND WRITTEN DISCOVERY, a default judgment may be taken against you." Your answer should be addressed to the Clerk of County Court at Law No. 3 of Dallas County, Texas at the Court House of said County, 600 Commerce Street, Suite 101, Dallas, Texas 75202.

YOU HAVE BEEN SUED

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SERVE:

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SERVE REGISTERED AGENT  
CORPORATION SERVICE COMPANY  
DB/A CSC-LAWYERS, INC  
211 EAST 7TH STREET  
AUSTIN, TX 78701

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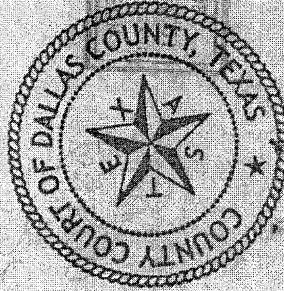
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BY: ASHLEY SMITH, DEPUTY

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JOHN F. WARREN, Dallas County Clerk

  
BY  
Ashley Smith, Deputy



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CC-17-02764-C County Court at Law No. 3

SHAWN STOOPS vs. UNITED PARCEL SERVICE INC.

**ADDRESS FOR SERVICE:**  
SERVE REGISTERED AGENT  
211 EAST 7TH STREET  
AUSTIN, TX 78701

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15. Came to hand on the 25 day of June, 2017, at 10 o'clock A<sup>P</sup>M, and executed in Dallas County, Texas by delivering to UNITED PARCEL SERVICE, INC. SERVE REGISTERED AGENT CORPORATION SERVICE COMPANY D/B/A CSC-LAWYERS, INCO in person, a true copy of this Citation together with the accompanying copy of the PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION AND WRITTEN DISCOVERY with the date and service at the following:

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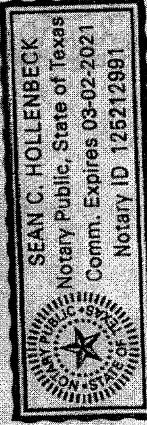
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Affiant



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 CORPORATION SERVICE COMPANY  
 660 CORPORATE ST. #620  
 AUSTIN, TX 78701



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**VS.**

**AT LAW NO. 3**

**UNITED PARCEL SERVICE, INC.**

**DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS**

**DEFENDANT UNITED PARCEL SERVICE, INC.'S  
ORIGINAL ANSWER WITH JURY DEMAND**

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

Defendant United Parcel Service, Inc. ("Defendant") files their Original Answer and would show:

**I. General Denial**

Pursuant to Rule 92 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, Defendant enters a general denial of all material allegations contained in Plaintiff's Original Petition, and demands that Plaintiff meet her burden of proving all elements of all causes of action asserted against Defendant.

**II. Jury Demand**

Pursuant to Rule 216 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, Defendant United Parcel Service, Inc. demands a jury trial.

Defendant United Parcel Service, Inc. requests that Plaintiff recover nothing from said Defendant, and further request that Defendant recover all taxable court costs expended.

Respectfully submitted,

**PAYNE & BLANCHARD, L.L.P.**

*/s/ Samuel J. Polak*

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

This is to certify that on **June 26, 2017**, a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was served upon the following known counsel of record in the above-captioned cause, pursuant to Tex.R.Civ.P. 21a, by filing through the certified electronic service provider, eFile.TxCourts.gov:

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*/s/ Samuel J. Polak*

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**Samuel J. Polak**